

# PUBLIC LAND ACQUISITION & MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP 2000 CONFERENCE

Haines City, Florida • November 15-17, 2000



## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2000 - TRENT ROOM

11:00 – 7:00 Registration

1:00 – 9:00 Field trips

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2000 - TRENT ROOM

7:00 Registration

7:00 – 8:00 Continental Breakfast - Grand Foyer

#### PLENARY SESSION - GRAND BALLROOM III AND IV

8:00 – 8:30 Welcome

Neil Combee, Polk County Commission and  
Frank R. Finch, P.E., Executive Director, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)

8:30 - 8:55 Keynote Address: "Reconstructing the Kissimmee: Ecological Restoration in its Purest Sense"

Lou Toth, Chief Scientist, Kissimmee Department, SFWMD

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS - ACQUISITION TOPICS NORMAN ROOM 1-3

9:00 – 10:15 "A Critique of the State Land Acquisition  
Programs: Are We Protecting Florida's Most  
Critical Resources?"

**Moderator:** Doug Bailey, Biological Administrator, Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission (FWC)

**Speakers:** Randy Kautz, Biological Administrator, Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission; Gary Knight, Director, Florida Natural Areas  
Inventory; Dr. Hilary Swain, Director, Archbold Biological Station;  
Will Abberger, Director of Florida Programs, Trust for Public Land

10:15 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 "Other Public and Protected Lands"

**Moderator:** George Fisher, Senior Planner, Northwest Florida Water  
Management District

**Speakers:** Ann Redmond, Vice President for Development, Wetlandsbank, Inc.;  
Greg Driskell, Operations Manager, The Timber Company; Kevin McGorty,  
Director, Red Hills Conservation Program; M. C. Davis, Founder, Florida's Legacy

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch - Pavilion

**Speaker:** Senator Charles Bronson (invited)

**PRIDE Volunteer Award:** 2000 recipient - Joe Brader  
Presented by Fred Davis, SFWMD

1:30 – 2:45 "Local Government Partnerships—Benefits  
and Pitfalls"

**Moderator:** Gaye Sharpe, Coordinator, Polk County Environmental  
Lands Program

**Speakers:** Joan Lawrence, Lead Ecosystem Representative, Water Supply  
Division, SFWMD; Ralph Cantral, Executive Director, Florida Coastal  
Management Program; Jeff Spence, Natural Resources Director, Polk County;  
Dr. Greg Brock, Manager, Office of Environmental Services, Department of  
Environmental Protection (DEP)

2:45 – 3:15 Break

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS - MANAGEMENT TOPICS DOVER ROOM 1-3

9:00 – 10:15 "Monitoring Conservation Easements"

**Moderator:** Charlie Houder, Deputy Executive Director, SRWMD

**Speakers:** David Copps, Conservation Coordinator, Red Hills Conservation  
Program; Richard Hilsenbeck, Associate Director of Protection, The  
Nature Conservancy

**Panel:** Bob Heeke, Land Resources Manager, Department of Land Acquisition  
& Management, SRWMD; Jack Eckdahl, Assistant Director, Department of  
Operations & Land Resources, SJRWMD; Paul Elliott, Sr. Land Management  
Specialist, Land Resources Department, SWFWMD (Southwest Florida Water  
Management District)

10:15 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 "Moonscapes to Landscapes"

**Moderator:** Mark Glisson, Environmental Administrator, Office of  
Environmental Services, DEP

**Panel:** Mike Batts, Geologist, Phoenix Environmental; Bill Hawkins,  
Environmental Manager, Bureau of Mine Reclamation; Tim King, Biological  
Scientist, Tenoroc Fish Management Area, FWC.

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 "Forest Management Planning: Charting a  
Course for the Future"

**Moderator:** Bill Cleckley, Director of Lands, NFWFMD

**Speakers:** Jim Grubbs, State Land Planning Administrator, Division of Forestry;  
John Winn, Founder and Trustee, Longleaf Ecology and Forestry Society;  
Tom Mastin, Operations Manager, Natural Resource Planning Services

2:45 – 3:15 Break

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2000 (CONTINUED)

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS - ACQUISITION TOPICS

**3:15 – 4:30** “First Magnitude Springs: Florida’s Fountains of Youth”

**Moderator:** Ed Kuester, Bureau Chief, Land Acquisition, Division of State Lands, DEP

**Speaker:** Jim Stevenson, Senior Biologist, Division of State Lands, DEP

**Panel:** Randy Chandler, MAI, Chandler & Associates; Gary Anderson, Emerald Coast Bottling Co.; Johnny Petronis, private landowner; Sandra Stockwell, Attorney, DEP; John Parker, Water Use Regulation Manager, SWFWMD; John Santangini, Chief, Bureau of Appraisal, DEP

**4:30 – 6:00** Local Government Programs Meeting  
TAMWORTH ROOM

**6:00 – 9:00** Reception/Buffer Dinner - PAVILION/POOLSIDE

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS - MANAGEMENT TOPICS

**3:15 – 4:30** “Forest Management’s Role in Enhancement of Listed Species”

**Moderator:** John O’Meara, State Lands Supervisor, Forest Management Bureau, Division of Forestry

**Speakers:** Mike Allen, Mitigation Park Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Randall Sleister, Park Biologist, Division of Recreation and Parks, DEP; Dr. Dennis Hardin, Forest Ecologist, Forest Management Bureau, Division of Forestry

**6:00 – 9:00** Reception/Buffer Dinner for all attendees

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2000

**7:00 – 8:00** Continental Breakfast - COURTYARD

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS - ACQUISITION TOPICS NORMAN ROOM 1-3

**8:00 – 9:15** “Who Owns the Land: The Withlacoochee River Case Study”

**Moderator:** Fritz Musselmann, Land Resources Director, SWFWMD

**Speakers:** Mark Glisson, Environmental Administrator, Office of Environmental Services, DEP; Tim Breault, Assistant Director, Division of Wildlife, FWC; Kevin Love, Land Manager, Land Resources Department, SWFWMD; Tristen Drake, private landowner

**9:15 – 9:30** Break

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS - MANAGEMENT TOPICS DOVER ROOM 1-3

**8:00 – 9:15** “Selected Management Problems: Hogs, Beetles, and Ferns”

**Moderator:** Jeff McLemore, Kissimmee/Okeechobee Region Land Manager, SFWMD

**Speakers:** Pat Walsh, Wildlife Biologist, Environmental Flight, Avon Park Air Force Range; James Meeker, Forest Entomologist, Forest Management Bureau, Division of Forestry; Amy Ferriter, Sr. Environmental Scientist, Vegetation Management Department, SFWMD

**9:15 – 9:30** Break

### PLENARY SESSION - GRAND BALLROOM III AND IV

**9:30 – 9:45** Natural Areas Training Academy

**Presenter:** Pete Colverson—The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

**9:45 – 11:15** Florida Forever Panel Discussion

**Moderator:** Eva Armstrong, Director, Division of State Lands, DEP

**Panel:** Mayor John Delaney, Chairman, Florida Forever Advisory Council (invited); Greg Brock, Environmental Administrator, Division of State Lands, DEP; Henry Dean, Executive Director, SJRWMD; Janice Browning, Executive Director, Florida Communities Trust; State Representative D. Lee Constantine (invited); Jake Stowers, Pinellas County

**11:15-11:30** Closing Remarks

Joseph W. Taylor, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources Operations, SFWMD



**Be sure to stop by the Conference Exhibits in the Courtyard**

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